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DOCKERTY CUP PAST AND PRESENT

By Alex Barr

Mention Carlton United to most soccer fans today and they think immediately of the popular amber fluid, but in soccer terms they should call to mind the name of the first team to win soccer's "blue riband", the Dockerty Cup. The records show that in 1909 when the tournament was first launched by the late Mr. H. J. Dockerty, Carlton United were the winners.

Engraved on the magnificent trophy are the names of teams long defunct Northumberland and Durham, Royal Caledonians, Albert Park, Navy and so on. But one thing which will, I trust, remain, is the tradition behind the Victorian equivalent of the football association cup.

So called progress has somewhat eroded the original principle, which was a trophy open to every team in the State. The record shows that in 1931 the country team, Wonthaggi Magpies were successful. But it appears that in these modern times the old method of putting names in a hat and taking pot luck with the draw does not suit the powerful State League clubs.

There may be a valid argument for the present system where only four minor league sides can make the tournament proper, but to me something has been lost. The giant killing efforts of the underdogs, the speculation and hopes that the little side may rise to the big occasion have gone.

The trips to the country — the country sides' exodus to the city. The friendships, the rivalry, the excitement appears to have all but disappeared. But the Dockerty Cup, even in its modified form, is still a trophy every club would like to see in its clubrooms.

Of the existing State League sides, Hakoah has the oldest connection with the Cup. The club won its first in 1935, and then in the years from 1953 to 1956 took the trophy four times running, a record not likely ever to be surpassed.

Indeed the only clubs to get half way to this record are Melbourne Thistle, Albert Park - Footscray Thistle, I.C.I., Brighton Park Rangers and Slavia, all winning twice in succession.

Slavia must be given special mention for their achievement in winning 1964-65, then again in 1967. At present the only State League sides which have never won the cup are Croatia, South Melbourne-Hellas, Lions and Melbourne. Alexander should also figure in this list as a State League side for 1968.

I feel that more pomp and ceremony should be injected into the competition. It is not just another means of staging matches to gain revenue. It is the very foundation of soccer in this State. It should be glamorised, dressed up, made the gala event it is meant to be.

Tradition is something money cannot buy. It is time itself and as time progresses the tradition will grow. Old names will disappear from the soccer fixture card but the Cup will be there as a permanent record of those clubs which have attained the ultimate; the winning of the Dockerty Cup.

Spare a thought for the late Harry Dockerty, who started Victorian soccer, the father of the game here, and his dear wife, Mrs. Mary Dockerty who, I trust, will be present at this game to present to the winning team the trophy which will carry its name for all time.

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9. VOJTEK	9. ACKERLEY
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Reserve Goalkeeper: BALIC.	

Referee, Mr. PEDLAR. Linesmen, Messrs. KEELER and WOOTTEN.

It would be remiss to issue the final edition of "The Record" without paying tribute to the ground staff of Olympic Park, who have battled against drought and an enormous number of fixtures to try to keep soccer's premier stadium in playing condition.

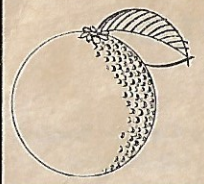
Dick Crossley and Tommy McCormack and their assistants have had a hard row to hoe and but for their personal interest in Olympic Park and its well being, I am sure the ground would never have seen the season through. The gate staff, who do have problems from time to time, also have had a trying time, but came through with colors flying.

Assistant secretary manager, Jack Pollard, and his henchmen, Ted Callaghan and Ken Lee have kept the turnstiles and change windows functioning to facilitate your admission.

Miss King. — Every club, and the Federation, knows that this lady is the most co-operative and courteous person who has tried, against the odds often, to provide police and Tramways authorities with the information needed to ensure smooth running of their particular end of staging a game.

Every team which has played at Olympic Park this season, whether local, interstate or international, know Bruce Wellington, the grounds manager. His efforts to fulfill the various requests of those teams played a great part in helping to build the reputation this stadium has earned in the eyes of its visitors. His duties are too numerous to enumerate and his help to The Record and to the ground commentator is greatly appreciated.

The Bank of New South Wales, Riverland Oranges, O'Brien Caterers, Sheehans Sweets, Gifford Films and G. Ioanidis, George Cross, Croatia, Slavia, Alexander and the Olympic Park committee of management have combined to produce this service for you, the public, and we hope it proved of some interest and assistance.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CUP CHASE — CLASSY CONTEST

By Alex Barr

Only a fool would bet on the outcome of this contest between two classy sides. The stakes are high for both, as neither has won the coveted Dockerty Cup. I believe this will be a no-holds-barred clash, with the accent on direct soccer with all stops pulled out.

Croatia has the State title in its grasp and on the form displayed in winning the State League should have a slight edge, but anyone who has seen South Melbourne-Hellas demolish first Footscray-J.U.S.T., then polish off George Cross last weekend would dispute this.

South's current form is excellent. Every player is showing confidence and the will to win. Ackerley, Damianakos, Deeming and Bedford are outstanding, and Croatia is aware of this and no doubt will endeavour to combat them with tactical moves.

McIntyre and Jim McKay are firing for Croatia at present and South has the problem of curbing two of the most brilliant players in the game. Of the two defences I feel Croatia has a slight advantage. They are more stable and take fewer risks.

Australian internationals Frank Micic (South) and Bill Vojtek (Croatia) should play a prominent part in the game, although in different roles. Vojtek the constant attacker, Micic the elusive breakaway half-back likely to pop up all over the ground.

Former Scottish professional Duncan McKay also will be conspicuous. A heady player who reads the game well, McKay has the know-how to be in the right place at the right time. His deadly free kick lobs near goal will have the South defence more than a little troubled.

Hammy McMeechan is the big question mark. Unless he is completely fit he should stay on the sideline. A half fit player in this game is a luxury no team can afford. If fit, McMeechan could be the match winner.

In the goal-keeping department, both teams are well equipped. Dandrakas is capable and has a safe pair of hands; his distribution may be suspect as he is prone to looking for distance at the expense of finding a team-mate.

Kovacek has had a great season. He is fearless, able, anticipates well and must be among the best goalies in the State. His distribution, except when put under pressure, is first class. He must know, of course, that Ackerley is an expert at nettling keepers.

I feel certain this will be a great game, but much will depend on the referee, Mr. George Pedlar. He is a very competent official and does not tolerate stupid antics and disputed decisions with players.

A word to both sides. Please play the game. Give the public their money's worth and round off the 1968 season on a high note. Both teams can play attractive football and that is what we want to see. May the best team win, and win fairly.

Whatever happened to soccer's prestige player award, the Argus Medal?

With the Victorian season almost over, not a word. Has officialdom bungled again?

Mr. Bill Fleming, the donor of the medal, has every right to feel hurt.